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MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

RAMAH CHURCH,

FRANKLIN CO., MISS.,

October 10—13, A. D., 1890.

OFFICERS.

R. J. STEWART, ... MODERATOR.
JOHN P. HEMBY, ... CLERK.
W. P. GARDNER, ... TREASURER.

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—OF THE—

Mississippi * Baptist * Association.

First Day, Morning Session.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1890.

Pursuant to adjournment the Mississippi Baptist Association held its Eighty-fourth Annual session with the Ramah church, Franklin County, Miss. and at 10 o'clock a m., the Introductory Sermon was preached by D H. S. Cox, from Ezekiel 21-27.

Afternoon Session.

After recess of one hour the Association assembled at 1:30 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Moderator, R. J. Stewart.

The clerk being absent Geo. F. Webb was elected clerk *pro tem*

H. I. Weathersby and Jno. P. Hemby were appointed reading clerks.

The Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches when the following churches presented letters and their delegates were enrolled:

Bethel—R. P. Bates,

Bethlehem - Letter, but no delegates.

Centerville—H. S. Archer.

Concord--J. M. Godwin, G. M. Cain.

East Fork—T. J. J. Spurlock, H. D. Sapdifer, J. W. Dickey.

Ebenezer—E. W. Roark

Galilee—E. T. Smith, S T. Van Norman, R. M. Dixon, J. P. Hemby.

Hebron—J. F. Hamilton.

Hopewell - D. H. S. Cox, H H. Magee.

Liberty—R. J. Stewart, Geo. F. Webb, I. G. Lea.

Mars Hill—T. R. Godbold, S. J. Hodges, J. A. Burris, J. H. Parson.

McComb City—W. H. Young, T J. Whittington.

Mt. Zion—H. I. Weathersby, C. P. Jones, Wm. Mullin, G. A. Godbold.

Mt. Pleasant—B. F. Zumbro, James Seymore.

Mt. Vernon—D. A. Given.

New Hope, Franklin Co.—J. R. Mullin.

New Hope, Amite Co.—W. M. McDaniel, J. T. Branch.

New Providence—S. H. Thompson, W P Gardner

New Salem—A. C. Westbrook, Hyson McGehee.

New Zion—Z E. Nunnery W. O Hughey.

Ramah—W L. Smith, J C. Rushing, B. B. Griffin.

Sarepta - J. J Delaney, L. Weatherly.

Siloam—J. D. Jones, J. R. Carroll.

Summit—C. H Oiken

Zion Hill—E. A. Cain, J. A. Parker.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization which resulted in the election by acclamation of R. J. Stewart, Moderator; John P. Hemby, Clerk and W. P. Gardner, Treasurer.

The Moderator made some appropriate remarks and declared the Association ready for business.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Mt. Vernon presented a petition for membership. She was received, her letter read and delegat s enrolled in the list of churches and delegates.

Correspondents

Corresponding Messengers were received:

From Fair River Association - E. P. Douglass, W F. Parsons, T W. White, J. H. Gambrell

From Carey Association—E. B Seale.

From Union Association - J. O. Green.

From Convention Board B. D. Gray, J. B. Gambrell

From Homochitto (Col) Association—Jeff Jones, Mack Johnson.

From Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Record—J. B. Gambrell.

Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

On Finance—G. M. Cain, C. P. Jones and Z E. Nunnery.

On Publications—E. P. Douglass, E. A Cain and Jno. F. Hamilton.

On Mississippi College—D. A. Given, E. W. Roark, T. J. J. Spurlock and B. D. Gray

On Foreign Missions—C. H Otken, R. M. Dixon and W. F. Parsons.

On Sunday Schools—E. T. Smith, H D Sandifer and J. M. Godwin.

On Pastorial Support E. B Seale, G. A. Godbold and H. H. Magee.

On Ministerial Education—Geo F. Webb, S. R. Young and T. R Godbold.

On Work Among Colored People—H. S. Archer, William Mullin and S H. Thompson.

On State of Religion—H I. Weathersby, R. P. Bates, T. J. Whittington and James Seymore.

On Education of Miss Mattie Cook—J. H. Lane, T. J. J. Spurlock, H. D. Sandifer, Miss Lizzie Thompson and Mrs. H. G. Quinn.

On Lea Female College—T. W. White, W H. Young, Z. T. Zumbro and J. D. Jones.

On Nominations—S. H. Thompson, S. C. Smith, J. C. Rushing and J. A. Parker.

On Sustentation—W P. Gardner, I G. Lea, J. A. Burris and L. Weatherly.

On Correspondence—S. T. Van Norman, Hyson McGehee and W. O. Hughey.

On Temperance—J. H. Gambrell E. T. Smith, H. I. Weathersby and J. T. Branch.

On Religious Exercises—I. G. Lea J. A. Burris and Pastor and delegates from Ramah church.

The report of committee on Miss Mattie Cook Education Fund was read by H. I. Weathersby and adopted.

Report.

Your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association to take charge of the Educational Fund and see after the education of Miss Mattie Cook make the following report.

Received from all sources including amount left over at last Association $112.50.

Disbursed for Board, Books and R. R. expenses (after a deduction for sickness and loss of time for a part of last Quarter) $93.45

Balance on hand at close of last session, $19.05.

Received since by Miss Mattie Cook, $8 95.

Total amount at beginning of present session, $28.00.

Paid R. R. fare back for present session $9.05

Balance paid on board for present session, $18.95.

Contributed by L. M. Union including $1.40 left over from last year, and expended for clothing, $9.90.

She desires to include music at the present session. Pres. Lowry and others of experience think some knowledge of music is essential to successful Missionary work

The extra expense will be $5.00 per month.

It is mentioned for your consideration.

If included in her Educational expenses it will be appreciated by her.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

W. EVERETT,
J. E. BATES,
C. H. BATES,
LIZZIE E. THOMPSON,

G. M. Cain offered, and the Association adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association convene at 9 o clock a. m. and adjourn at 12 m; meet at 1 o'clock p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

J. T. Hamilton was received as messenger from General Sunday School Convention of this Association.

R. J. Stewart presented the report of the Executive Board from which we make the followir g extracts:

Report of Executive Board.

The Board organized by electing D H. S Cox president and R. J. Stewart secretary. Agreed to raise $100.00 for the education of Miss Mattie Cook, of which only $36 00 were raised. Agreed to assist Mt Pleasant church the amonnt of $25.00. of which $8.00 were raised. Agreed to assist Siloam church to lhe amount of $50.00 on her pastor's salary, that she might be able to build a house of worship.

E. T. Smith was employed as missionary in the Homo-chito valley at a salary of $150 00.

Of these salaries $186 00 has been raised, leaving a balance due our missionaries of $13 90.

The Board held regular meetings during the year, and the table on page eight will show the results of their labor:

A committe of five was appointed to whom a certain preamble and resolutions from Summit church were referred. Committee. H S. Archer, E T. Smith, Geo. F. Webb, T. R. Godbold and E. B. Seale. The Association then adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow Prayer by J. O. Green.

Second Day, Morning Ssssion.

OCTOBER 11, 1890.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the Association met in devotional exercises conducted by J. O. Green, after which the Moderator called the body to order.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Upon motion the preamble and resolutions from the Summit church were ordered printed in the minutes. They were as follows:

Resolutions from Summit Church.

WHEREAS. The matter of exercising dicipline on the part of

CHURCHES	Delegate Fund.	Mt. Pleasant Church.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	General Missions.	Sustentation.	College Endowment.	Mattie Cook Fund.	Total.
Mars Hill	$	$2 60	$15 00	$5 00	$	$45 75	$	$	$ 8 20	$ 76 15
Hopewell	5 00		31 00	4 25	11 25	9 15		15 00	2 75	67 25
Mt. Zion	5 20		5 00		9 00		2 50		8 90	37 25
Hebron	2 30			1 15		5 00			60	11 55
Zion Hill	2 35			2 50		4 70	2 00		1 25	9 80
New Providence	1 50	2 00	27 20	20 00						22 00
Liberty			1 40	18 55		3 30	2 10	2 50	3 10	60 55
New Salem						5 30				5 30
Bethel			5 45			4 65				8 70
Concord						4 00			2 65	8 80
East Fork			1 15			27 35			8 75	38 60
Ebeneezer	2 50									8 45
New Hope (Amite)	3 00	1 25				20				3 60
Ramah		2 60		4 30		2 20				4 80
Sarepta			9 15							9 15
Mt. Pleasant				11 40						4 30
Galilee				2 90						11 40
Galilee S. S										2 90
Cash Col. at East Fork	5 55		5 20							10 75
" " New Salem			3 15							3 15
Total	27 40	8 45	90 25	64 20	24 55	125 90	6 60	17 50	36 00	402 85

the Association over churches that may tolerate disorderly conduct among their members; and,

WHEREAS Doubtful not to say erroneous, ideas exist among a very large portion of the Baptist brotherhood as to the true nature of the power possessed by the Association in the matter of correcting evils that may exist in churches, and as to the proper mode of proceedure on the part of the Association under her rules of decorum for the correction of such evils; therefore,

Resolved, That a committe of five or more discreet and thoughtful brethren be appointed, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly examine the rules and powers of the Association, carefully applying the sacred principles of church sovereignty and religious liberty, and report to the Ass ciation, making out clearly and unmistakably if possible the boundary lines of the power and authority of the Association in the matter of dealing with disorderly churches, and establishing rules for their government, and the manner of depriving a church of membership that may be so disorderly as to require such action.

Upon motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Home Missions – D H. S. Cox E A. Cain, J. F. Hamilton and J. H. Parsons.

On Discipline – G. M. Cain, H. I. Weathersby, W. L. Smith and J. J. Delaney.

On Plan of Work —D. A. Given, E. T. Smith, and Geo F. Webb.

On State Missions.—J O. Green, H S Archer, E. P. Douglass and B. B. Griffin.

Foreign Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock this morning.

The report on Ministerial education was made the special order for 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Upon motion, a committee was appointed to investigate certain reports in circulation derogatory to S. R Young and the cause of ministerial education.

Committee. G. M. Cain, H. I. Weathersby and T. R. Godbold.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the report on Foreign missions was read by C. H. Otken, and pending its adoption the Association was addressed by C. H. Otken, B. D. Gray, S. R Yonng and J. M Godwin. A collection was taken for Foreign missions amounting to $28.10.

Report on Foreign Missions

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following:

1st Since the days of Carey and Judson, Foreign missions have expanded far beyond the measure hoped for by Christians. In Europe, particularly in Rome; in Mexico and South America; and in Cuba nearer home, we have wide and open doors Persecution still exists, but its power is broken, and the power of God's truth is leaving its impress just to the extent that the mind becomes liberalized. All the fields in Asia with its adjoining islands are better open and are now opening as never before in the past.

Africa, too, presents a most interesting field to-day. That dark island continent seems at last stirred by a varied influence. All the fields tell us in language not to be mistaken of a vast multitude of people ready to hear the story of salvation.

2nd This improved condition in the mission fields imposes a great responsibility upon the Christian world. The success that has thus far attended the efforts made is more than sufficient encouragement to prosecute the work in these distant fields, with vigor and increasing hope of larger success.

The opportunities that this condition presents to Baptists demand renewed efforts, renewed sacrifices, renewed consecration and renewed and enlarged giving. We need to accomplish the work in these white harvest fields under God and with his blessings, men God fearing men men in large numbers whom God has disposed to take up this work. Secondly, we need money and plenty of it to enable these men to go. For both we should pray. May God help us to fulfill our sacred trust in both these particulars. As Christian men and women, we are the

light of the world." How much of this light shall cast its beams upon these distant fields.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H OTKEN,
R. M. DIXON,
W. T. PARSONS.
Committee.

The Committee on preamble and resolutions from the Summit church made their report, and pen ing its adoption. C H. Otken was granted permission to explain his position in regard to the South Mississippi Fair Association.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, further discussion was deferred till after the special order this afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by J. B. Gambrell.

Afternoon Session

At 1 o'clock P. M. the Association convened and was led in prayer by Z. Loftin.

The letter from New Hope church, Franklin county, was read and her delegate enrolled above

It being the hour for the special order, the report on Ministerial Education was read by Geo F Webb, and the body was addressed by Geo F. Webb, C. H. Otken, J B Gambrell, B. D. Gray J. H. Gambrell. and was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministeral Education having given the subject a careful coosideration feel that t ey cannot express in too strong terms the necessity of the Baptists of Mississippi inaugurating a system of raising means for the education of the young ministers who have been called of God to this important work, but whose educations are defective, and the parties unable to attend College; that the advanced civilization of the present day, and general intelligencne of the people demand that the ministry should be well educated in order to enable them to preach acceptably to the people to whom they are called to preach; that the several churches composing this body

should give encouragement to our young preachers to attend College until they are prepared for the gospel ministry in view of the progress of the times.

Your Committee therefore report that they deem it a duty devolving upon the Baptist denomination to provide the means as God has blessed them; this grand object.

Your Committee suggests to the ministers of this Association to take up collections at least once a year, from their churches and congregations for this special purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO F. WEBB, Chairman.

E. W. Rowark off. red and the Association adopted the following resolution:

Reso!ved, That all the speeches be limited to ten minntes.

Discussion of the preamble and resolution from the Summit church was resumed, and G. M. Cain was permitted to speak a third time to the report. The report was adopted.

Report on Preamble and Resolutions.

Your Committee to whom was submitted the Preamble and Resolutions filed and marked "Exhibit A," beg leave to say, that the Association has the power to withdraw from any church in the Union of Churches as an Association, which she deems unsound in principal or immoral in practise. But before withdrawing she should endeaver to correct the error in faith or practice by giving the best advice in her power.

The Association not being a legislative body can only recommend to, and advise the churches. The Association has no power to lord it over God's people, or in any way interfere with the sovereignty of the local churches.

She may inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible but cannot discipline the membership of any local church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER, Chairman

Upon motion of H. I. Weathersby Article 18 to the Rules of Decorum was approved and referred to the churches for ratification or rejection:

Art. 18. This Association will not fellowship any church which permits its members to hold stock or shares, or office, or visit, or enter horses for racing purposes in a Fair Association or where any other immoral practices are tolerated.

The Committee on religions exercises made the following:

Reports on Religious Exercises.

Your Committee on Religious Exercises reports as follows: From 9 to 11 o'clock a. m., to-morrow, a Tabernacle Lesson by Sister Bates.

At 11 o clock a m, preaching in the house by J. B. Gambrell, and at the stand by D A. Given.

At half past 1 o'clock p m. preaching at the stand by J. H. Cambrell, and meeting of the Lady's Missionary Union in the house.

I. G. LEA, Chairman

J. R. Mullin, Jas. Seymore, Richard Bates, Jas Jones, J. A. Parker and J. W. Dickey were granted leave of absence,

The report on Prohibition was made the special order for to-morrow at 3 o'clock p. m

The Committee on Finance made their report which was adopted.

Report on Finance.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have received and paid into the hands of the Treasurer, the following amount for Associational purposes: $93 75

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct as per vouchers; and find the following amounts due the Association:

For Missions	$	125 80
" Sustentation		20 10
" Foreign Missions		63 65
" Miss Mattie Cook fund		5 75
" R J. Stewart to S B. Convention		1 40
" State Missions		19 40
" Endowment fund		2 50
" Mt. Pleasant Church		8 45
Total	$	340 80

G. M. CAIN,
Z. E. NUNNERY,
C. P. JONES,
Committee.

Upon motion the Treasurer was ordered to turn over all monies in his hands for assisting Mt Pleasant church in building them a house of worship. to the delegates of said church

J. A. Burris offered, and the Association adopted the following

Resolution.

Resolved, That the Financial year of this Association commence October 1st. and end September 30th of each year.

Adjourned till Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Prayer by D. A. Given.

Sabbath Exercises.

OCTOBER 12, 1890.

At 9 o'clock a. m., Sister Bates gave a lesson on the Tabernacle.

At 11 o'clock a. m., preaching in the house by J. B Gambrell from Phil. 1-14. Theme: The Power of a Heroic Example. D. A. Given preached at the stand at the same hour and a collection for Missions was taken amounting to $8.25.

Afternoon.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., Sister Bates continued her lesson on the Tabernacle.

Preaching was dispensed with and the Association assembled at the stand and after reading and adopting the minutes of the previous day, proceeded with business.

D. A. Given offered prayer.

The report on prohibition was read by J. H. Gambrell, and pending its adoption, the body was addressed by J. H. Gambrell, and a collection for the Prohibition Bureau at Meridian, Miss., was taken amounting to $10.45 cash. The report was adopted.

Report on Prohibition.

Conviction against the drink habit and traffic has never been so near in accord with the teachings of science and God's word as to-day. Upon this joyous fact we congratulate the citizenship of our great country.

In our own State, of the seventy-five counties composing it,

forty have put the seal of disapprobation and execration upon the debauching drink traffic, and the saloon has been driven from their borders, it is hoped to never be returned.

In the religious world all non-Catholic denominations save perhaps one, has in ts great convocation outlawed, in unmeasured terms, the sale and use of all intoxicants as a beverage. The deliverances of these great religious bodies are planting convictions in the hearts of the people and quickening the public conscience to a gratifying degree.

Mr. Claiborne, our own States historian, has well said that no "cause espoused by the ministry of any country has ever failed." We gratefully record the God-honoring fact that the Ministry of Mississippi is practically a unit in condemning the drink habit and the drink traffic. We also rejoice over the fact that those ministers who apologize for, or silently consent to the sale and use of intoxicants have lost their influence with the great moral masses and are repudiated by God s hosts as by the philanthropic patriotism of the country.

To the sympathetic christian heart it is a blessed truth that where the christian womanhood of any country gets on its knees before the Lord of victories, it is answered in answers of peace. We rejoice that the christian womanhood of this christian republic is organizing to secure the safety of its homes. against the invasion of the drink traffic and its influences.

We bid our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters hearty God-speed in their Christly work. We believe under God, they are a mighty factor in the redemption of humanity from the drink curse.

We pledge our influence and presistent efforts to the accomplishment of the following:

1st. The protection by legal enactment of all schools from the presence and influence of the liquor traffic. We heartily participate in the wide spread regret that the only woman's school under the patronage of the State, has been denied immunity from the open saloon. Our girls, in our peerless girl's school, must have the protection accorded our boys.

2nd. Scientific temperance instruction in all our schools, State and private.

3rd. Bible temperance instructions among the negroes, especially the young of that dependent race.

4th. The complete abrogation of the iniquitous license system, high or low, the partnership between the saloon and State.

5th. The suppression by all honorable methods of the soul-and-body-destroying drink habit.

6th. The Constitutional prohibition of the drink traffic

7th And finally, we recommend and earnestly plead for the constant agitation of the temperance and prohibition question throughout our State. In our judgment no greater mistake can be made by temperance people than to cease to hold temperance meetings in saloon or prohibition territory.

J. H GAMBRELL, Chairman.

J. H. Branch was granted leave of absence.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by E T Smith, and discussed by E. T. Smith, T. W White, J. O. Green, S. R. Young, J. M. Godwin and C. H. Otken, and was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday schools would report that there seems to be a decline in the interest of this work which we, your Committee, regard as second in importance to that of church work, and we therefore, recommend that this work be looked after by the churches, and pushed forward, as it is in our judgement, the best means of reaching the children, as they are here brought in direct contact with the teacher as they cannot be with the minister in the pulpit.

There the faithful teacher (and no other kind should be retained) can put the questions, and make applications of truths, thereby making impressions that may last for eternity. Thus training their minds and preparing them for the reception of Christ and Salvation.

Respectfully submitted.

E T. SMITH, Chairman.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock with prayer by C. H. Otken.

Fourth Day, Morning Session.

OCTOBER 13, 1890.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the Association met in a short devotional exercise conducted by R. J. Stewart, and proceeded to business.

Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Committee to investigate the reports on S. R. Young made their report, which was discussed by G. M. Cain, T. R. Godbold and C. H. Otken and adopted.

Report

Your Committee appointed to investigate and report to this body the facts in regard to the churches educating Bro. S. R. Young for the ministry, would submit the following as the facts:

Mt Zion church did contribute $22.00 to educate Bro. Young for the ministry, and afterwards Bro Young offered to pay back the money and the church refused to take it.

Bro Young received no other aid from the churches so far as we can learn.

Respectfully submitted.

G. M. CAIN, Chairman

The Committee on Discipline made their report which was discussed by G. M. Cain, H. S. Archer, C. H. Otken, J. H. Gambrell, J. B. Gambrell, C. P. Jones, I. G. Lea, and was adopted.

Report on Discipline.

Your Committee on Discipline would report that we believe many churches in this Association are too slack in enforcing discipline among their members, thereby impairing their usefulness and bringing upon themselves spiritual dearth and decay.

We have reason to believe that there are some churches knowingly retaining members in their fellowship who are walking disorderly.

We would, therefore, urge the churches to be more active in disciplining those members that are not walking in the commandments of the Blessed Master.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CAIN, Chairman.

The report on Mississippi College was made the special order for 11 o'clock this morning and J. B. Gambrell to have unlimited time to speak to the report.

Geo. F. Webb offered and the Association adopted the following

Resolution.

Resolved That W. P. Gardner, treasurer of this Association be instructed to pay over to Miss—— Tucker, the eldest daughter of the late W. . Tucker, the sum of $6 70; and to Mrs Tucker, his widow, the sum of $6.70; and to Eld. Peter Tucker, the sum of $6 70 out of the sustentation fund now in the treasury, said Treasurer taking their receips for the same; and whenever the amount due Eds Peter Turner and the late W. H Tucker shall be ascertained and paid into the hands of said Treasurer, he shall pay the same over to them or their representatives in proportion as the above resolution requires him to do with the funds now on hand.

The Committee on State of Religion made their report, which was discussed by H. I Weathersby, and was adopted.

Report on State of Religion.

Your Committee on State of Religion ask to submit the following:

Bethlehem church– Spiritual condition not reported, but asks that we so labor that the Master may be glorified.

Bethel—Reports steady progress in the work, andsigns of development are evident.

Centreville—Active in good works, experiencing love and growth in grace.

New Hope Franklin -At peace but not the interest we desire.

East Fork– Reports an outpouring of the Spirit with an addition to our membership.

Mt. Vernon—Church revived with an addition of 9 to our member.hip

Concord—At peace and growing in spirituality.

Ebenezer—Church in healthy working condition.

Hebron - At peace and working harmoniously.

Hopewell—At peace with harmony prevailing, and glad to report progress in mission work

Marshall—Thankful for mercies, but confess neglect of duty in missions, and Sunday school not what we desire.

Mt. Zion God has held the palm of peace over our church the past Associational year 16 additions by baptism.

Mt Pleasant—At peace.

New Hope, Amite. At peace with each other, but no progress.

New Providence God has been in our midst in the conversion of four souls.

New Salem—We have had a visitation of divine spirit which resulted in the baptism of three.

New Zion—We bless God for reviving our church, and adding 14 to our number by baptism

Ramah—Church in a cold condition.

Sloam—Church in a prosperous condition.

Sarepta—An ingathering of 11 by baptism, and growth in consecration.

McComb City—Our church is at peace, and bright prospects before us.

Zion Hill—Increase in interest and Christian activity. During past year 10 accessions by baptism

Liberty—At peace with a lovely interest manifested in the Master's work.

Galilee Our membership is indifferent and spiritually cold.

Summit Laments no progress. Our church seems to possess very little spiritual life. We need your sympathies, counsel and prayers.

After a careful look at the reports from the churches we believe the main cause of this is the standard of morality established by our churches is too low. As an evidence of this social or moderate dram drinking, our intercourse with the world, the encouraging of the dance by our presence or otherwise, the desecration of the Sabbath by encouraging thoroughfares in excursions on the Sabbath, by giving our aid and presence to gambling in its various forms, are tolerated by our churches, failure

to discipline their members, thereby licensing or encouraging these evils, destroying the spirituality of their members, dwarfing Christian sensibility, chilling noble desires producing spiritual decay to the members and death to the churches

In view of the above conditions and causes,

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Association appoint two discreet brethren to present a memorial to the Mississippi Baptist State convention to recommend to the Associations throughout the State to urge upon the churches the propriety and necessity of at once blotting out the moral blight of Fur Associations where gambling and other immoral practises are tolerated from its territory.

Respectfully submitted.

H. I. WEATHERSBY, Chairman.

D. A Given read the report on plan of work which was discussed by S H. Thompson, E T. Smith, R. J. Stewart and adopted.

Report on Plan of Work.

Your Committee commends the patient and painstaking service of your Executive Board during the Associational year just closed, and would call your attention to a recommendation in their report to this body; to wit: That you divide the territory of the Association into three districts and appoint a subordinate Executive Board in each: one member from each church in each district, who shall also be a member of the Executive or Parent Board, which shall meet once a year each district Board to be composed of the members of the Parent Board, elected by the Association and two members from each church in the district, which shall meet once a quarter.

It is the opinion and judgement of your committee that the plan suggested would increase the interest of the churches in the work of the Board.

We recommend that each district shall be as follows:

1st District—Bethel, Bethlehem, Mt. Vernon, Ebenezer, New Providence, Galilee Zion Hill, New Zion and Liberty.

2nd District—East Fork, New Hope, (Amite) McComb City, Mars Hill, Summit Hebron and Concord.

3rd District—Hopewell, t. Zion Mt. Pleasant, New Hope, (Franklin) New Salem, Ramah, Sarepta and Siloam.

Respectfully submitted

D. A. GIVEN, Chairman.

H. S. Archer read the report on Work among the Colored People.

Discussed by J. P. Hemby, J. H. Gambrell and C. H Otken, and adopted.

Report on Work Among Negroes.

Your Committee ask that work among the colored people be done. This is a work that should be undertaken with patience and discretion.

Success depends upon the way in which this work is done. The nature of this work is two fold First, convince them we are their friends, and unteach them in many things. Secondly, teach them the gospel. Success in this work demands that renewed and greater effort b made in this work upon our part.

This is especially *our work*. Our relation to the colored people makes it positively our duty to see that they have the gospel. We recommend that special attention be given this work by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER, Chairman.

The report on Mississippi College was read by D A. Given, and pending its adoption J. B. Gambrell addressed the Association upon the Endowment of the College and secured pledges for that purpose as follows:

	$ 25 00
Concord	100 00
East Fork	100 00
Ebenezer	100 00
Gablee	25 00
Hebron	25 00
Hopewell	100 00
Liberty	100 00
Mars Hill	100 00
McComb City	100 00
Mt. Zion	10 00
Mt. Pleasant	

New Hope, Amite County	
New Providence	5 00
New Salem	50 00
New Zion	25 00
Ramah	30 00
Sarepta	25 00
Siloam	25 00
Summit	10 00
Zion Hill	75 00
Mt Vernon	50 00
	20 00
Total	$1 100 00

And the report was adopted.

Report on Mi sissippi College

Your Committee submit the following:

To think or speak of Mississippi College is to recall our own. For it is the property of the Baptists of this commonwealth.

Our hearts should thrill and throb with interest whenever its name is pronounced, or its claims are under consideration

As well might we attempt to add to the beauty of the lily by the aid of an Artist s pencil, or to improve the fragrance of the rose by the addition of a strange perfume as to think of flattering Mississippi College. For flattery is praise bestowed upon an unworthy object, Mississippi College is deserving of our best treatment and of our highest praise. If we take into account the substantial work i the interest of humanity and christianity that has been accomplished by this time-honored Institution during its history; and of the large number that have been partially educated in its schools, and that have been graduated there and that are filling positions of honor and trust in almost every State in this Union and even in distant lands. And, further, if we reflect upon the ability of the Faculty, each of whom is the *peer* of any educator in the country, and upon the curriculum which is equal to that of any Institution South of Mason and Dixon's line, surely we have cause to be grateful to God for Mississippi College; and certainly we owe the College our warmest support.

First, by giving it our patronage, and recommending it to all who have boys to educate.

Second. by assisting the effort that is now being made to endow it.

Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing gratitude to Rev J. B Gambrell for his untiring and heroic effort for the endowment, and we feel that we have not yet done our duty on this line. We have from now till February 1st to consecrate a part of our means to this end Let us make an effort. Shall we not say, it can, it must, *it shall be done*?

We are informed that the present session has opened with brighter prospects than for years. With grateful hearts to the Divine giver of all good, we pledge ourselves to work and pray for the extension of the influence and usefulness of Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A GIVEN Chairman.

The rule adjourning the Association at 12 o'clock m., was suspended and the Association proceeded with business 1-2 hour.

The report on Correspondence was read by W. O. Hughey, and adopted.

Letter of Correspondence.

Our Association met this year with the Ramah church, Franklin County, Miss.

The letters from the various churches show a spiritual growth in the Master's cause; and further that the churches composing this Association are fast falling in line with the workings of our Convention Board.

We were greatly assisted and edified during our proceedings by Messengers from the various corresponding bodies, and we desire to continue correspondence with them

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. VANNORMAN,
W. O. HUGHEY,
HYSON McGEHEE,
Committee.

Upon motion of W. O. Hughey, the Clerk was ordered to

strike off from the list the names o all delegates who left for home without permission before the Association adjourned.

Adjourned 1-2 hour for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

At [illegible] the Association was called to order, and led in prayer by J. P. Hemby.

J. B. Gambrell offered and the Association adopted the following:

Resolutions.

Resolved 1. That the participation of members of hurches belonging to this body in Fairs where gambling is allowed and openly practiced, is a cause of offence to the brotherhood a source of division and strife among God's children, and a great hindrance to the progress of the cause of Christ in our bounds.

Resolved 2 That we appeal in the pirit of hristian love to those brethren who are connected with any and all institutions which allow gambling to withdraw from them and put their influence on the side of hrist and public morals, and remove from among us a cause of trouble and save this body the painful necessity of exercising discipline on such Churches as allow such practices.

Upon motion, of H I. Weathersby, the receiving and submitting of Arucle 18 to the Rules of Decorum to the Churches, was rescinded.

The report on State Missions was read by . O. Green, and the report on Home Missions was read by D H. S. Cox, and were discussed by J. O Green and D. S. H: Cox and were adopted.

Report on State Missions.

Mission work in our own State has never been more encouraging than at present. We have no work that demands greater interest than that of State Missions; for we have many towns on the new railroads, and large territories in our State without a Church.

A more prosperous year has never closed than the last. Last year there were 55 missionaries laboring in our State, some for all their time and some for only a part. They preached over

2,000 sermons and organized seven Churches; additions to the Churches, 957. Sunday Schools organized, 85. Woman's Missionary Societies organized, 44.

The above statement is only the principle results of our Missionary labors.

We need more men to occupy the destitute places, and more money to support those men. Respectively submitted

J. O. GREEN,
Chairman.

Report on Home Missions.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

When the Church was in its infancy and had only a few men consecrated to the Master's cause, they were commanded by the Great Teacher to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This is a solemn command which Christ has committed to the keeping of His Church. The Church, then, is God's own chosen organized agency for the salvation of the world, and under his blessings she is adequate to the work. We need to get close to Christ and organize our plans of work and strive and seek to keep in his steps.

By God s grace the Master s command is now being heard in our ome field by a larger number of men and womeL who love the gospel more than ever before. The nations are calling; people long sitting in darkness are awakening and feeling after the true and living God.

While there are great and laudable efforts made by men and women to raise funds to sustain and send missionaries yet never before, not even in Apostles' time, did the Macedonian cry sound out from so many fields, at home and abroad. Never before was there such an urgency in those calls; so wide and ripe a harvest. East, West, North and South the harvest truly is vast beyond the power of figures to express, and the Master is calling for recruits.

There have been periods when calls to an active and aggressive warfare in our home fields were not heard. The ways into new fields were not open. The only thing the church could

do was to be quiet and patiently wait, and pray God for better days. But now the day is upon us, the way, open. There is a stirring in the camp of Israel such as has not been in the centuries agone. People from all parts of the globe are coming to our Southern States.

What then shall we do with this vast throng of people with their strange doctrines?

They must be taken by the hand and welcomed into our midst. But by all means we must give them the pure gospel of the son of Son of God.

Yes, my brethren, duty, safety and the prosperity of the church, and the honor of Christ require and demand this, and should not go unheeded.

Here is another people---the red man of the forest---who by nature think and believe that they were "Lords of the wilds of America" who are now homeless, penniless and Christless.

Let us give to this poor people in their sad state the gospel which will inspire a hope within them, while they have no continuing home but seek one to come.

Again there is a work which calls to our serious and most prayerful consideration—the work among negroes.

The enormous growth of the negro population, and the alarming state of things growing out of it, present a new and difficult problem, on the solution of which hangs the destiny of this great republic.

The most learned and wisest of our men who have given thought on this subject, see and confess that the old methods fail, new and better ones must be devised and applied, and that at once, or appalling consequences are sure to follow. Simply to give the primer will not suffice for this ignorant and depraved people.

Cuba is fast coming to Christ under the efficient ministers of this Board. To hold what has been gained, we must press forward in this grand enterprise. The last report of this Board shows that it had in its employ for the past year, 371 Missionaries, distributed as follows, viz: Among Foreign populations,

including Indians, 30; colored people, 50. In Cuba 21; native whites, 270. These missionaries reported 13,849 weeks of labor; supplied 1,182 churches and stations; preached 38,741 sermons; attended 9 210 prayer meetings: reported 4,477 baptisms. and 3,621 received by letter. Organized 336 Sunday schools with 12,420 scholars; made 53 010 religious visits; organized 267 churches; built 84 churches; distributed 857,400 pages of tracts and 5,728 Bibles.

Mississippi Baptists were asked for $5,000 and gave $1,490. This year we are asked for $3 000. Let us give all of this, and more.

The church needs to-day an awakening and a revival of the subject of missions.

Let it be borne in mind that giving is the law of the fountain of life. What is grace but giving? God's grace, God's gift. God's grace in us, the giving of our powers, the giving of our all to humanity.

The home should teach the doctrine of giving, the pulpit should proclaim it, the administration of the church should illustrate it. Then the treasury of Zion will be filled to overflowing and the work of the Master would fill all the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. S. COX, Chairman.

The report on Literature was read by E. P. Douglass, and after its discussion by J. B. Gambrell it was adopted.

Report on Literature

A report on Literature should in the opinion of your Committee, embrace two well defined ideas, viz:

1st The kind of books and papers that are used in our common schools and read in our homes; and

2nd. The necessity of denominational publications for the information and edification of our people.

Great care should be taken in the selection of books to be used in our schools. For these books will in a great measure give direction to the future lives of our children.

Then the most scrupulous care should be exercised with refer-

enee to the character of the literature to be received into the homes of our people. Most people will read something. How important then that our reading matter be of that character that will elevate, ennoble and purify the mental and moral natures.

Shun the secular newspaper whose oniy aim seems to be to pander to the depraved tastes of the corrupt and vicious.

Denominational publications are a necessity As Baptists, we are a peculiar people, with doctrines and views peculiar to ourselves. Our belief in these doctrines makes us what we are.

Our mission is to evangelize the world and give them the word of God which is the embodiment of our doctrines - our confession of faith. In the dissemination of the truth, there are many important auxillaries. Foremost among these is the Southern Baptist Record published at Meridian, Miss.

This should be taken and read by every Baptist family in Mississippi. The efficiency of our denominational work would be greatly strengthened if our entire people were familiar with all the plans and methods by which the great work assigned us by the Master is being carried forward. The Record gives the needed information, and brings the brotherhood of the State together into one family. and helps us to understand each other and know what we are doing in the various fields of christian labor.

We would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field These will help us to become acquainted with our Home and Foreign work. And for Sunday School use we recommend Kind words Lesson Helps. and also those of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted.

E P. DOUGLASS, Chairman.

H. I. Weathersby offered and the Association adopted the following

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Mississippi Baptist Association representing 24 churches do put the seal of their disapproval upon the action of the Constitutional Convention now assembled at our

Captol City for refusing to abolish the infamous liquor traffic in our State.

Resolved, That we deplore the unmanly way in which the Constitutional Convention is dealing with the grave sufferage question, and earnestly inplore said body to give the people honest, direct and simple methods by which they can elect their public servants. We would earnestly protest against what is known as section 5 of the Franchise Committee's report and plead that it be not made a part of our future organic law.

Resolved, That we earnestly disapprove the proposition to keep open the doors of the World's Fair to be held at Chicago next year, on the Lord's day as unwise, unpatriotic, un-American and unchristian; and we appeal to those in authority not to permit such a desecration of the American Sabbath.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of this church, and the citizens of the community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association, messengers and visitors, while in session.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association publish the minutes of this body, that he shall have $25 for his services as clerk, and that he shall check on our Treasurer to defray the expense of same.

The report on Lea Female College was read by T. W. White. discussed by C. H Otken, amended and adopted.

Report on Lea Female College.

Very few Brptists take the interest they should in our Baptist institutions of learning. Every Baptist in the State, and especially every Baptist Minister ought to know our Baptist schools, and help to build them up

The Colleges and schools are powers for good in building up the cause of our Master, and they deserve the honest support aud co-operation of every Baptist in the State.

The Baptists have more Colleges and High schools than any other denomination in the State.

With eight female Colleges and the grand old Mississippi College, we ought to turn out an army of great power every year.

We are glad to be able to say Lea Female College is in a flourishing condition

This Institution has had a better opening this year than for several years past, with very bright prospects for the future.

With a full corps of teachers, Dr. Otken is prepared to take your girls and give them a thorough training. Let the Baptists of South Mississippi stand by the president of Lea Female College and lend a helping hand.

Resolved, That this Association recommend in high terms Liberty Male and Female College, Gillsburg Institute and East Fork Institute to the patronage of Baptists and citizens of South Mississippi

Respectfully submitted

T. W WHITE, Chairman.

A report from the General Sunday School Convention was read by Geo. F. Webb and referred to the Executive Board.

The report on nominations was read by S. H. Thompson and was adopted.

Report on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend that the following named brethren constitute the Executive Board for the ensuing year, viz: Bethel, Richard Bates; Concord Fleet Burris; East Fork, T J. J. Spurlock: Ebeneezer, R. D. J. Smith; Galilee, S. T Van Norman; Hopewell, John Ford; Liberty, I. G. Lea· Mars Hill, J. . Burris; McComb City Wm. Young; Mt Zion, Geo. A. Godbold; Mt. Pleasant, B F. Zumbro; Mt Vernon, C. . McCoy; New Hope, Franklin, G. E. Smith; New Hope, Amite, S. L Bostic; New Providence, W. D. Hazelwood; New Salem, John Porter; New Zion, W. O. Hughey; Ramah, Isaac Davis; Sarepta, M Weatherly; Siloam, S. McDaniels; Summit, W J Smith; Zion Hill, L. Butler; Bethlehem, D. C Felder; Hebron, . oor.

We recommend that the first meeting of the Executive Board convene with Mars Hill Church.

To preach the Introductory sermon at next Association, John P. Hemby; alternate, D. A. Given.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. P. Douglass offered a resolution recommending certain young preachers to the Association for aid in securing an education. Referred to the Executive Board.

D. H. S. Cox read and I' W. White and J O. Green discussed the report on Pastoral upport, and the report adopted.

Report on Pastoral Support.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support would report:

This is of the very first importance to the success of the pastor in his work.

He should be liberally supported and promptly paid. A covenant with a pastor to pay him a definite sum should be regarded as sacred. and every dollar should be paid. To pay the pastor promptly, each Church should adopt a plan, and that should be a working plan. Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MAGEE.

Corresponding Messengers

Corresponding Messengers were appointed to the following bodies:

Union Association---J. P. Hemby, D. S. H Cox and C. H. Otken.

Boguechitto Association—G. M. Cain, H. D. Sandifer, J. H. Parsons, J. M. Godwin and Wm M. McDaniel.

Homochitto (colored) Association—R. M. Dixon, J. P. Hemby E. T. Smith, Z. E. Nunnery and W. P. Gardner.

Mississippi River Association—D. A Given, S. H. Thompson, E. T. Smith, J P. Hemby, W. P. C. Stewart, Geo. F. Webb and W M. McDaniel.

Carey Asoociation—J. P. Hemby E. T. Smith, I. G. Lea, S. H. Thompson and R M. Dixon

State Convention—J. P. Hemby, R. J. Stewart, E. T. Smith S T. VanNorman, S. H. Thompson, W. P Gardner, S. R. Young, H. I. Weathersby, and R. M. Dixon.

General Sunday School Convention of Mississippi Association E. T. Smith, S. H. Thompson, E A Cain, T. R. Godbold and H. I. Weathersby.

Mississippi College—Geo F Webb, G. M. Cain, R. J. Stewart, and D. A. Given

Fair River Association—Z. Loftin, C. H Otken, G. M. Cain and D. H. S. Cox.

J. P. Hemby, was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham, Ala., and D. H. S. Cox alternate, and the Executive Board was instructed to raise a sufficient amount of money to bear the expenses of the trip.

Centerville Church was granted a letter of dismission

Upon motion, this Association agreed to continue the education of Miss Mattie Cook at Blue Mountain Female College, and that music be added to her course of study.

J P. Hemby, E. T. Smith and R. J. Stewart were elected to prepare and present a memorial to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention according to the recommendation of the Committee on State of Religion.

Upon motion, the Clerk, assisted by the Moderator, was instructed to make and print in the minutes such extracts from the report of the Executive Board as might be of importance to the Churches.

It was resolved that when we do adjourn, we adjourn to meet with the Galilee Church.

The Minutes of the General Sunday School Convention were ordered printed in the minutes of this Association.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned to meet with the Galilee Church, Gloster, Miss., on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., A. D. 1891.

J. P. HEMBY,
Clerk.

R. J. STEWART,
Moderator.

I failed to get the Treasurer's report till after the minutes were about ready for press, hence its place. J. P. HEMBY.

W. P GARDNER, IN ACCOUNT WITH MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION.

1889 and 1890—Dr.

To amount for	Foreign Missions	$194 60
" " "	Missions—General work	342 70
" " "	Sustentation	71 50
" " "	Miss Mattie Cook, educational fund	71 40
" " "	Delegate expenses to S. B Convention	29 35
" " "	Ministerial education	27 50
" " "	Associational purposes	99 55
" " "	State Missions	68 10
" " "	College Endowment	17 50
" " "	Mt. Pleasant Church	8 45
" " "	Home Missions	13 30
" " "	Students fund in S. B. T. Seminary	7 00
	Total	$947 95

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By amount disbursed for	Foreigh Missions	$130 95
" " " "	Missions—General work	220 00
" " " "	Sustentation	51 40
" " " "	Miss Mattie Cook Ed. fund.	65 65
" " " "	Delegate expenses to S B. Convention	27 95
" amount dispersed for	Ministerial education	27 50
" " " "	Associational purposes	96 55
" " " "	State Missions	48 70
" " " "	College Endowment	15 00
" " " "	Mt. Pleasant Church	8 45
" " " "	Students' fund S. B T Seminary	7 00
	Total	$699 15

Balance on Hand

for Foreign Missions	$263 65
" Missions — General work	130 95
" Sustentation	20 10
" Miss Mattie Cook educational fund	5 75
" Delegate expenses to S. B. Convention	1 40
" State Missions	19 40
" College Endowment	2 50
" Home Missions	13 30
Total	$257 05

I made out an itemized statement as Treasurer, and it was examined and accepted, and so reproted by the Finance Committee.

W. P GARDNER.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.

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1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity in persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son, the Holy Gost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6 We believe all those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7 We believe there is one Mediator between God and men —the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction He made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe, that the visible Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2 We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church—the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the body of the Church and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church.

4. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion, and to give themselves as members to the visible Church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized Church to expel from her communion all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to Scripture.

Rules of Decorum.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored dismissed. excommunicated, and dead since the last Association.

3 Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4 The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If, on examination, found

orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the Union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the moderator.

11 No person shall speak more than twice on the subject w thout leave of the Association

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the Conference, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the moderator.

13. The moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided, the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14 The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the moneys

thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16 The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations, only as respect form.

Powers of the Association.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general Union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence, when convenient with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

MINUTES

OF THE

General Sunday School Convention.

EAST FORK CHURCH, Amite Co., June, 27, 1890.

General Sunday School Convention called to order by Secretary W.P. Gardner.

After singing song no 72, Gospel Hymns, prayer was offered by P. L. Marsalis.

On motion, Brother S. T. Van Norman was chosen Moderator pro tem., Elder R. J. Stewart was apponted Reading Clerk. Letters from Sunday Schools called for.

The following Sunday Schools reported :

East Fork Sunday School, letter and delegate.
Galilee " " " "
Mars Hill " " " "
New Providence Sunday School, letter and deligate.
District Convention 1 and 2 reported by delegate.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion, the General Sunday School Convention was reorganized by electing the following officers :

S. T. Van Norman, President.
P. L. Marsalis, Secretary.
C. R. Cook, Treasurer.
Committee on Programme—C. R. Cook, T. J. Webb, Dr. C. H. Bates and the deacons of East Fork Church.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

District 1, W. P. Gardner and A. P. Jones.
" 2, C. R. Cook and T. J. Webb.
" 3, K. L. Butler and H. I. Weathersby.
" 4, T. J. Scott and J. R. Mullens.

Elder J. P. Henry preached from the text, "What doth it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul.

Recess for dinner.

1:30—Convention reassembled. Prayer by Elder J. P. Hemby.

On motion the President appointed as Messengers to the Missionary Baptist Association. Brethren M. H. Martin and O. D. Meuman.

Messengers to the General Sunday School Convention of the Missionary Baptist Association, Elder J. H. Lane and Brother W. H. Bates.

On motion, time of meeting be changed from 10 a. m. Friday before each third and fifth Sunday to 10 a. m., Saturday before the second and fifth Sunday in each year ahd continue two days.

A place of meeting chosen: Galilee Sunday School at Gloster, Miss.

Amount collected, $6 40, in the hands of the Treasurer, C. R. Cook.

On motion, Convention adjourned to meet at Galilee, 10 a. m., Saturday before second and fifth Sunday, in 1891.

S. T. VANNORMAN, President.
W. P. GARDNER, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S POSTOFFICE.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Increased.			Decreased.			Total Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS.														
					Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion	Deaths.		Associational Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Help.	Sustentation.	College Endowment.	Miss Mattie Cook.	Delegate Expense Southern Baptist Convention.	Ladies' Aid Society.	Sunday School.	Other Objects.	No. Minutes.	Total Contributions.
Bethel	T. C. Schilling	Gillsburg	L. H. Haygood	Liberty	7	1	1	3		1	74	$ 4 00	$ 75 00	$ 13 55		$ 10 00							35	$ 102 55
Bethlehem	J. M. Cook	Magnolia	A. J. Bates	Liberty										75	$ 2 00									
*Centreville	H. S. Archer.	Centreville	A. A. Roark	Centreville		2				1	27	1 25											10	4 00
Concord	R. J. Stewart	Liberty	J. I. Godbold	McCalls' Creek		1		2	1		34	2 75		23 10				$ 70 00					25	150 75
East Fork	J. H. Lane	Osyka	T. J. J. Spurlock	Dickey	12	11		2		1	60	3 00	133 00	9 60		7 85			$ 80			$ 55 00		25	474 25
Ebeneezer	T. C. Schilling.	Gillsburg	R. D. J. Smith	Olio	2	9	7	8	2	2	272	6 00	400 00	71 00		52 00			8 75				$ 320 00	25	785 30
Galilee	J. P. Hemby	Gloster	S. T. Van Norman	Gloster	3	5	1	2		2	113	5 00		12 10				85 00				16 00	331 55	50	102 10
Hebron	I. J. Stewart	Liberty	Miss Fannie Hamilton	Spurlock	3	16	1	11	5	1	230	5 00	500 00	91 30	7 00			490 00						30	1294 40
Hopewell	D. H. S. Cox	Little Springs	H. H. Magee	Veto	5	26					44	3 50	150 00	5 00		15 00	$ 2 50				$106 40	36 25	58 45	50	471 45
Liberty	R. J. Stewart	Liberty	W. Z. Lee	Liberty		2		2			65	3 00		47 70	6 00			15 00	2 75	$ 5 00			295 45	25	76 55
Mars Hill	E. P. Douglass	Summit	H. L. Magee	Smithdale	10	4		9	2	1		4 00	200 00	36 40					6 90		41 45			30	288 85
McComb City	J. C. Gadd	McComb City	W. T. White	McComb City	10	4	2	17	2	2	203	5 00					10					14 80	255 65	50	275 45
Mt. Zion	D. H. S. Cox	Little Springs	W. H. Cain	Little Springs	14	38		5		2	176	5 00		40 20										50	45 20
Mt. Pleasant	W. J. Weatherly	Hamburg	B. F. Zumbro		16	3	3	9		1	249	6 80		23 15					8 75	5 20			11 50	65	55 60
Mt. Vernon	D. A. Given		J. S. McCoy.	Gillsburg		2		1		1	31	3 00		7 10										10	10 10
New Hope, Franklin	J. M. Stroud		W. A. Prather	Veto	7	4	3	2	2		169	4 00	100 00	5 00								33 00		30	142 00
New Hope, Amite	J. R. Baham		T. P. Hanea	Dickey					1		55	2 50	30 00	3 50		5 40						1 80		15	43 20
New Providence	Thomas Lansdel	Olio	I. C. Cansey	Merwin	1		1	7		1	34	2 00		2 40										15	4 40
New Salem	T. W. White	Brookhaven	T. S. Byrd	McCalls' Creek	4	1	1	1		3	104	4 00												40	4 00
New Zion	J. P. Hemby	Gloster	Z. E. Nunnery	Nunnery	3	1		2	5	1	35	1 50		4 25										10	5 75
Rangah	Z. Loftin	McCalls Creek	Z. M. Nettles	McCalls' Creek	14			18	2		59	4 00				12 00								30	16 00
Sarepta	T. M. Elerbee.	Hamburg	E. G. Cater	Hamburg	5			4	7	1	159	5 00		3 10								5 00	104 00	45	8 10
Siloam	D. H. S. Cox	Little Springs	W. D. Jones	Zion Hill	11	9	3	3	8	1	139	3 50		12 15										35	124 65
Summit	S. W. Sibley	Hazlehurst	M. C. Dunn.	Summit		6	1	3	2		65	1 60												25	5 00
Zion Hill	R. J. Stewart	Liberty	W. R. Jacobs	Zion Hill	1	1		12	2	1	135	2 50	350 00	18 90				230 00				22 50	40 00	20	663 90
Total					10	6	1	12	1	2	140	5 00	200 00	7 30		12 10	5 00							40	229 40
					162	152	25	134	42	27	2616	$ 96 30	$ 2138 00	$ 434 45	$ 15 00	$ 114 35	$ 7 60	$ 890 00	$ 28 15	$ 10 20	$ 147 85	$ 184 35	$ 1316 60	785	$ 5382 85

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